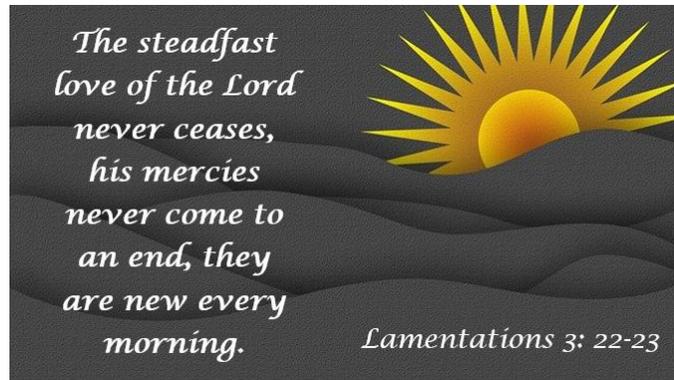


## SUNDAY BULLETIN



**July 18, 2021**

**“Breathing Under Water,” Sixth Sunday**

### **GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

#### **PRELUDE & PROCESSION**

#### **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Angie

#### **LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Rev. Angie

#### **MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION**

*“I Need Thee Every Hour”*

R. Lowry / E.L. Diemer

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Come to Jesus this day. Bring with you all the pain that you feel.

**ALL: Lord, bring to us healing and hope.**

Minister: Come to Jesus this day. Bring with you your confusion and doubts.

**ALL: Lord, bring to us restoration and renewal of life.**

Liturgist: Come to Jesus this day and he will make something beautiful happen in your life.

**ALL: Lord, bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may serve you more faithfully.**

Minister: Come, beloved of God. Now is the time to worship!

**ALL: Now is the time to bring and give our hearts anew to God and God’s people.**

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Angie

#### **OPENING HYMN (insert)**

*“Tradin’ My Sorrows”*

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Angie

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**If we were to name all the gods we have before you, Rock of Redemption, we would be here a very long time. We elevate politicians into saviors, though they are as broken as we**

are. Mindlessly we speak throughout the day, sometimes dishonoring you and your people; and, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night. We are so busy, we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace. Forgive us, God our Hope. Help us to let go of all that is not you, even what we value and cling to most, and fill our hearts and our lives with the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. It is in his name we pray, Amen. (*Moment of contemplative confession.*)

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE AT THE FONT

**\*GLORIA PATRI**      *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Minister: Greet one another with a wave of Christ's peace.

**PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #406**      *We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are  
angels all around; let us praise Jesus now; we are standing  
in his presence on holy ground.*

#### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Liturgist

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Lamentations 3: 19-33

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Philippians 3: 4-16

**SERMON**      "Breathing Under Water: The Chicken or the Egg – Which Came First?"      Rev. Angie

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Liturgist

Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom. We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream. True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ. This is our faith. This is our hope.

**PASTORAL PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

Liturgist

**DOXOLOGY**      *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here  
below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Liturgist

**\*CLOSING HYMN #39**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Leader: Step 6 of the 12 Steps - We became entirely ready to have God remove all of our defects of character.

**People: This step first recognizes that we have to see our many resistances, excuses, and blockages...**

Leader: AND we have to fully acknowledge that God alone can do that removing.

**People: Which should come first, then? Our responsibility or God's grace?**

Leader: Paradoxically, the answer is that both come first at the same time.

**People: All we can do is get out of the way ... but it's a lot of work to get out of the way and allow God's grace to fully operate and liberate us.**

Leader: It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord ...to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it...

**People: For the Lord will not reject forever. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SEVEN-FOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**     *"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me / Just a Closer Walk With Thee"*     Spiritual,  
Traditional / A.C. Whitworth

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**Participants in worship:**

**Rev. Angie Mabry**

**Marcy Lasseter – Organist / Pianist**

**Richard Klein, David Buyze – A/V**

**Kurt Thomas – Liturgist/Soloist**

**Greeter – Linda Pease**

**Richard Klein, Sherri Godsey – Editing**